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SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL FRENCH AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN INFCE STUDY.

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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE ELYSEE PRESS
ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED YESTERDAY, AUGUST 4, FOLLOWING
THE MEETING OF THE FRENCH INTERMINISTERIAL COUNCIL FOR
EXTERIOR NUCLEAR POLICY, TRANSMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROMISE IN REFTEL.

QUOTE: ANNOUNCEMENT, COUNCIL FOR EXTERIOR NUCLEAR
POLICY, AUGUST 4, 1977.
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ON AUGUST 4, 1977, AT 10 A.M. , THE COUNCIL FOR EXTERIOR
NUCLEAR POLICY HELD ITS SIXTH SESSION. ON THIS OCCASION
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC REAFFIRMED THE GRAND
PRINCIPLES OF FRANCE'S NUCLEAR POLICY, WHICH ARE
INDEPENDENCE, SECURITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

THE COUNCIL SUMMARIZED CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN THE
NUCLEAR FIELD REGARDING PROSPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT
OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO RISKS

OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IT CONFIRMED THAT FRANCE IS WILLING TO ANSWER TO
PREOCCUPATIONS OF COUNTRIES WHICH NEED APPLICATION OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT, AND AT THE SAME
TIME, TO MEET COMPLETELY ITS RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING
RISKS OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

FRANCE INTENDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEARCH FOR A SATIS-
FACTORY BALANCE IN THE WORLD ENERGY MARKET, WHICH COULD
NOT BE OBTAINED WITHOUT A RAPID GROWTH OF ENERGY SUB-
STITUTES FOR PETROLEUM, BUT FRANCE ALSO HAS THE WILL
TO AVOID THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. KEEPING
THIS IN MIND AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT POSITIVE RESULTS
ACHIEVED AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING WHICH WAS HELD IN
PARIS, FRANCE LOOKS FAVORABLY TOWARDS ITS PARTICIPATION
IN THE INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION PROGRAM, PROVIDED
THERE ARE FURTHER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, ESPECIALLY ON THE
ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER
COUNTRIES. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE THIS
STUDY IS UNDER WAY, NO DECISION WILL BE MADE WHICH
COULD AFFECT CURRENT NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS.
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THE COUNCIL FOR EXTERIOR NUCLEAR POLICY MADE A SURVEY
OF THE SITUATION AND OF THE PROSPECTS OF THE WORLD
MARKET FOR ELECTRONUCLEAR PLANTS AND THE SERVICES
NECESSARY FOR THEIR OPERATION. IT MADE AN EVALUATION
OF PROSPECTS OFFERED TO FRENCH EXPORTS, COUNTRY BY
COUNTRY, AND EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION AT THE
COOPERATIVE ACTION UNDER WAY. IT NOTED THAT REMARKABLE
EFFORTS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE FRENCH INDUSTRY
TO MEET INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION UNDER GOOD CONDITIONS,
AS SHOWN BY FIRST EXPORT RESULTS ACHIEVED.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC REMINDED THE COUNCIL OF
THE IMPORTANCE OF CARRYING OUT THE ELECTRONUCLEAR PRO-
GRAM FOR THE SECURITY AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF FRANCE'S
ENERGY SUPPLIES.

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